

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

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| IN RE: LOUISA COMMUNICATIONS, L.C. | DOCKET NOS. TCU-00-54 TF-00-255 TF-00-278 (TCU-99-6) |
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**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO CERTIFICATE,
CONCURRENCE IN MAP, AND TARIFFS**

(Issued December 11, 2000)

On September 11, 2000, Louisa Communications, L.C. (Louisa), filed an application requesting that the Utilities Board (Board) amend its certificate of public convenience and necessity to expand the service area and exchanges where it is authorized to provide service. The filing has been identified as Docket No. TCU-00-54. Louisa requests the Board amend its certificate to provide service in the exchange of Muscatine, which is located in Qwest Corporation (Qwest) service territory. Louisa stated it would adopt the exchange boundary map of Qwest for the exchange as it is and as it is modified in the future. Louisa also filed proposed tariffs, which contain the maps of the Muscatine exchange. The proposed tariffs were identified as TF-00-255. Louisa states that it will offer two-PIC dialing parity in the Muscatine exchange.

Louisa filed proposed tariffs with the Board, which reflect the additional exchange where it proposes to provide service. Louisa gave notice of the tariffs to potentially affected carriers. The tariffs have been identified as TF-00-278.

The Board will approve Louisa's request and amend its certificate and approve its tariffs. The Board issued Certificate No. 0195 to Louisa on August 15, 1999, in Docket No. TCU-99-6, which authorized Louisa to offer service in the Wapello exchange. The extension of service by Louisa to the Muscatine exchange is reasonable. The Board will amend Certificate No. 0195 to reflect the expanded service territory.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The request of Louisa Communications, L.C., to amend its certificate of public convenience and necessity to reflect authorization to provide service in the Qwest Corporation exchange of Muscatine is approved.
2. An amendment to Certificate No. 0195 is being issued concurrently with this order. Under the amended certificate, Louisa Communications, L.C., will be allowed to provide service in the exchanges as shown by its tariffs as currently and subsequently approved.
3. The proposed tariffs, identified as TF-00-255, filed by Louisa Communications, L.C., on October 9, 2000, are approved.

4. The proposed tariffs, identified as TF-00-278, filed by Louisa Communications, L.C., on November 6, 2000, are approved.

5. The concurrence in the Muscatine exchange map of Qwest Corporation is approved.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 11th day of December, 2000.